

## THE 1888 RECORD!

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We, the undersigned Advertising Agents, have examined the Circulation and Press Room Reports of THE WORLD, and also the amounts of White Paper furnished it by various paper manufacturers, and find that the Average No. of WORLDS Printed Daily from Jan. 1, 1888, to date is as stated, viz.:

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## IS IT FITLERY?

CHAUNCEY M. DEWEY is too big and too clever a man to be used by the politicians as the FITLERY of New York, in the interest of J. G. BLAINE.

This is palpably the use made of the ridiculous ex-Mayor of Philadelphia, and the BLAINE or BUSTERS in this State wink knowingly at the union of the New York delegation upon the golden-tongued CHAUNCEY.

## THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION.

It ought not to need a cholera scare to induce the authorities to clean our horribly dirty streets and to purify, as far as it can be done, the dreadful tenement-houses.

Fifth diseases are already too prevalent. The death rate among children is unreasonably high. What will be the condition in August if the situation be not improved?

To-morrow the tenement-house inspection begins. Let it be followed by prompt and thorough work by the Board of Health.

## A CLUB WELL USED.

Policeman McGowan made good use of his club last night in "laying out" a swell "maaser," the famous FRED MAX, who was amusing himself by insulting ladies as they passed and drew a revolver on the officer when ordered to "move on."

## WORLDLINGS.

An Americanized Chinaman, who has recently returned from a trip to his native land, says that the daily wages received by coolies vary from 35 to 50 cents. The average living expenses are 25 cents a day.

## MORE WATER.

"A Stranger's" criticism of our park management—that it fails to provide drinking water in anything like an adequate supply—applies as well to the streets and squares.

It would be a most practical benefaction for a temperance society to set up and maintain fountains in public places.

## FUN FOR AFTER DINNER.

The early-closing movement among the retailers is gaining in all directions. There is no sense in making business a slavery.

## CONVENTION BULLETINS.

The Evening World has made special arrangements for furnishing quick and reliable bulletins of the proceedings of the Chicago Convention. Persons who are anxious to know what important moves the convention makes will do well to watch closely THE EVENING WORLD's bulletin board.

## TO BE SEEN ON MARKET STANDS.

Lettuce, 5 cents.  
Flour, 8 cents.  
Egg plant, 15 cents.  
Cauliflower, \$5.50 per 100.  
Cucumbers, 15 to 20 cents.  
Pumpkins, 50 cents a dozen.  
Radishes, 1 cent a bunch.  
Asparagus, 15 to 20 cents.  
Lemons, 20 cents a dozen.  
Cantaloupes, 15 to 20 cents.  
Watermelons, 40 to 50 cents.  
Green corn, 50 cents a dozen.  
Strawberries, 30 and 25 cents.  
String beans, 15 cents a quart.  
Whortleberries, 15 to 20 cents.  
Green peas, 25 cents a half peck.  
Gonsherry, 15 to 18 cents a quart.  
Sofia cherries, 35 cents to \$1 a dozen.  
Apples, 20 cents, small ones 41 cents box.  
Hawthorn, 10 to 15 cents a box.  
Brook trout, cultivated, 90 cents; wild, 75 cents a pound.

## THE MARKETMEN SAY.

That Eddie Newman is the boss good fellow, if he is a plumber.

John Clay and "Doc" are good people to have around a house.

Frank Conroy, the coal dealer, is one of the busiest men in town.

Martin Daab, the Police Commissioner of Hoboken, is a regular philosopher.

Some of the boys who can't sing a note are inclined to joke Tom Glines about his voice.

Capt. Henry Kamm, of the City's Market Street, is being congratulated on his latest joke about those tags.

John Heaney, the printer, made a wager with Frank Gottle the other day that he could beat him playing pool. He says he will never eat again if he loses.

Frank Gottle, the horseman and proprietor of Carrie G. Marguerite and Cato, has been playing a snarl game this summer. The birds have flown his way.

## SEEKING FRESH FIELDS.

Col. Boland, the oil magnate, is travelling in Europe.

Winkler Homer, the painter, has already fled to Cape Ann.

John Durkin, the artist, will summer in the Berkshires this year.

W. Parker Rodden, of Harper's, leaves for Wareham, Mass., this week.

John N. Hyde, the well-known artist, will spend the summer in the Catskills.

Joe Gutman, the lawyer, has taken a cottage in the Berkshires for the summer.

Richard K. Fox, who sailed for Liverpool on Saturday, will stay in Scotland and Ireland until September.

John Stetson will cruise 'round in his new steam yacht, but will take good care not to get out of sight of land.

Joseph Becker, the artist of Leslie's, will occupy a cottage with his family at Lake George during the hot weather.

William Fritzel was noticed under a wide-spreading hat the other day. He says he will go to Chassett this year.

Thine de Thutrup, of Harper's, sails for Europe this week. He will spend the summer sketching in St. Petersburg.

Frederick Barnard, the celebrated black-and-white artist who came over here on a visit, will probably take up his permanent residence in this city.

## A BIG LIST FROM BROOKLYN.

Enclosed please find my list and be kind to continue as one of the competitors in the word-building contest.

Brooklyn, June 18.

## A LIST FROM WEST SEVENTEENTH STREET.

Enclosed please find my list of words for the word-building contest.

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## CLOTHING CUTTERS.

## History and Condition of Their Organization.

## Their Struggle for Fair Wages and Hours of Work.

## BY

## JESSE G. MILLER.

## Ex-Secretary of the Clothing Cutters' Protective and Benevolent Union.

## [WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.]

Some thirty odd years ago a few men met in a saloon on Stanton street and entered into conversation regarding the condition of their trade of clothing cutting. After a few more gatherings the Clothing Cutters' Protective and Benevolent Union was organized, and for a time it gained largely in membership and was the means of shortening the hours of labor and increasing wages.

## A STEP BACKWARD.

When the men of the trade—members of our organization—had accomplished their duty they thought their duty was done and became negligent of their organization.

They failed to attend the meetings of the union, which apathy finally resulted in again throwing them back to where they were before the organization was formed.

Thus for a time the employers had things their own way, and reduced the wages and lengthened the hours as best suited them.

## RENEWED EFFORT.

The organization had not died out entirely, and again went to work quietly reorganizing, and after a hard struggle of a few years, they succeeded in regaining the increase in wages under the ten-hour system. This continued, although the organization had been decreasing in membership.

The more active members of the trade, although largely in the minority, upheld the union, and also maintained the standard average wage, which was about \$18 per week for fifty-nine hours' work.

## THE MOVE FOR EIGHT HOURS.

All went on smoothly for a number of years thereafter until the eight-hour movement was agitated all over the country. Then what was known as the "Old Guard" of the trade thought it wise to start in with the rest of organized labor and endeavor to obtain a reduction of the hours of labor to eight per day.

Having had a number of years' experience as an open trades union, we set about and organized as a local assembly of the Knights of Labor, and in August, 1888, became attached to D. A. 49.

In the short space of about two years we were over two thousand strong, with branches in Brooklyn and New Jersey, and the organization still growing. In 1886 we founded the United Clothing Cutters of New York, and on April 1, 1886, were strong enough to make an attempt to place the organization upon a firm footing by establishing an office and general headquarters at 22 Bleeker street.

## ANOTHER SETBACK.

In that same year, just after we had got nicely settled down to our work, and were running along as smoothly as possible, a lockout occurred. The seventy-five firms represented in the Clothing Manufacturers' Association went back upon an express agreement and refused to recognize our union by employing non-union hands. That lockout was disastrous for the time, but, like all ill winds, it blew us good, and from demoralization we arose again, like the phoenix.

## A NATIONAL TRADE ASSEMBLY.

Work was then commenced to organize a National Trade Assembly, which has been successful, and every city of any note is represented in the National District of Clothing Cutters, which is increasing and extending very rapidly throughout the United States and Canada.

## CO-OPERATION REPORTED TO.

Immediately after the lockout in August, 1886, a co-operative clothing company, known as the Solidarity Co-operative Clothing Company, was formed. It consisted of members of the clothing trade who recognized the fact that such was the better way to teach the employer and illustrate to him that the workmen could carry on business themselves and pay better wages and work shorter hours than the employers claim it possible to do. Also to show that they are able to introduce their products throughout the country, which is demonstrated by the fact that they employ quite a number of hands and have a custom department at 133 Canal street, and are doing quite a flourishing business.

## STATISTICS OF THE TRADE.

The number of clothing cutters in New York State is about 12,000, and in New York City about 5,000. The average wage paid today is about \$19 per week—better than ever before. There is no outlook for better wages at present.

No strikes have taken place of any note whatever, except the strike on the part of the employers on Aug. 30, 1886. The Clothing Cutters' Union has shown itself a conservative body of men and has had less strikes than any other trade organization. It was always opposed to strikes.

There are no laws bearing on our trade except the general Conspiracy law of the State—a statute that ought to be amended so as to include the bosses and keep them from locking out poor workmen.

## The general state of our trade is fair.

## Harlem Democratic Club.

A reception will be tendered to members of the Harlem Democratic Club at the club-house in East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, to-morrow night, by the newly elected officers.

## Of Interest to Organized Labor.

The Miscellaneous Section will meet to-night at 145 Eighth street.

Walter N. Thayer, of Troy, is mentioned for the new office of United States Consul at Troy.

The Cutters and Tool-Sharpeners' Union has been successful in getting the Saturday half holiday for the summer season.

Mr. Hitting's 100 furniture-makers are still idle, because he will not grant them nine hours as a day's work instead of ten.

Herman David, of Cigar-makers' International Union No. 14, left this city last night for Chicago, where he will remain permanently.

A strike of the iron and steel workers is threatened because of the sale of the Amalgamated Society has not been accepted by the workers.

The Anti-Poverty Society will give its excursion to-morrow to Hudson Point on the steamship Grand Republic. Dr. Melly will accompany the excursion, and will deliver an address.

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